



MICHIGAN CHAPTER

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To : Senator Casperson and members of the
Senate Natural Resources, Environment
and Great Lakes Committee

Sierra Club Opposes HB 4994 – Repealing the Annual Wastewater Report Requirement

Dear Senator Casperson and members of the Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes Committee,

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our position on HB 4994. The Sierra Club urges you to **OPPOSE** this bill which repeals Section 3111 of NREPA, requiring that anyone who discharges waste water must file an annual report with the DEQ indicating the estimated total number of gallons of waste water and the waste products used that appear on the critical materials register. These reports are useful to the DEQ because they allow the department to accurately plan for water pollution control.

It is important to plan for pollution control because the discharged waste water ends up in the State's waters, affecting the balance of our ecosystem and the safety of our drinking water. In the interest of public safety and keeping water clean for our citizens, it is essential to keep track of the chemicals and compounds that may have deleterious effects on our water, and where they end up when discharged in waste water.

For these reasons, we urge you to OPPOSE HB 4994. Votes pertaining to this bill will be included in the Sierra Club's legislative scorecard.

Sincerely,

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